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EX GOV. A. H. STEPHENS' COUSIN.

I am first cousin of the late Ex-Governor Alexander H. Stephens, and have been postal clerk on different railroads since 1858. For ten years I have been a sufferer from a cancer of my face, which grew worse until the discharge of matter became profuse and very offensive. I became thoroughly disgusted with blood purifiers and pronounced them humbugs, as I had tried many without relief.

Finally I was induced to use B. B. B., which was about the 1st of February, and continued its use until the latter part of April. The offensive discharge decreased at once, and the hardness around the cancer disappeared. It improved the general health and I rapidly gained flesh and strength. The discharge gradually decreased and the cancer became less and less in size until nothing remains except a scar to tell the tale of a once dangerous cancer. All who have seen me since I have commenced the use of B. B. B. bear testimony of my great improvement, and the scar on my face shows that it cured the cancer. I find that B. B. B. comes simply up to what it is recommended, and I cannot say too much in praise of this wonderful medicine. I have tried them all, but B. B. B. stands at the top as a blood purifier.

The above is copied from the Athens (Ga.) Beacon-Whisperer, being the voluntary language of Mr. James A. Greer, which Editor Greer publishes.

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Very Respectfully,
Melville Dorsey.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

A LITERARY CHAT WITH MRS. MARTHA J. LAMB.

PLAGIARISM OF HAGGARD.

What Domestic and Foreign Authors and Publishers are Doing—Beecher's Forthcoming Book.

Special Correspondence of the Gold Leaf.

The thousands of readers who for the past years have enjoyed the masterly written histories of our own country, in that popular monthly—*The Magazine of American History*, have been destined to know but little regarding the personality of its editor, Mrs. Martha J. Lamb. Although one of the brightest of our women writers living (as I judge from her "History of New York City"), her name is seldom encountered in the newspapers, save in a monthly review of her historical monthly, by a critical editor. Mrs. Lamb is one of the least talked about women in proportion to the solid work she has done, and has persistently refused to give the public any idea of her methods of work.

I had climbed the stairs to Mrs. Lamb's snug little perch of an editorial office in the three-story building, on Lafayette Place, and sent in my card. After waiting a brief time the rustling of a lady's garments was heard, and soon Mrs. Lamb stood in the doorway receiving me with a most graceful bow. In appearance the famous author is about five feet four inches in height, fair complexion, wavy brown hair with threads of gray interwoven; violet blue eyes, expressive and beautiful; a flexible, tender mouth, and a well formed countenance. She is intellectual and interesting rather than beautiful.

Her sanctum bears evident traces of feminine occupation. There are books, rows upon rows of them, and manuscripts in plenty; but there is also sunshine and bright hangings. Mrs. Lamb has been for four years now in charge of the *Magazine of American History*, which under her editorship, has been steadily growing in influence and in circulation both at home and abroad. What need to be a periodical for specialists, almost unknown to the general public, has become without lowering the grade of its scholarship, by the fresh life infused into it, a real power in fostering a widespread interest in the field it cultivates and in multiplying the number of students of the history of the great republic.

No literary woman of this country has made an "evangelical" name and fame for herself as the author of "The History of New York City." This volume published some three or four years ago, was fifteen years in preparation, and was put before the public as modestly as it were the work of a day. After a few moments of general conversation, I asked Mrs. Lamb if she would tell me something about the commencement of her work.

"Oh! I don't think that would interest anyone; would it?" she laughingly asked.

"Very much, indeed."

"Well, it had been suggested that an adequate account of New York was wanting and that editors and scholars would gladly welcome such a work. In an idle hour when brought to the city for three or four months' medical treatment, I began to look over the material that could be collected at the libraries, and in no long time had outlined a sketch that might have been a convenient enough depository of the gleanings of others. Getting interested in the work as it went on, I next proceeded to pick up a loose thread here and there and to push investigation in one direction and another. Inquiries in this quarter and that put a continually increasing store of fresh material within my reach, until, almost without my knowing it, I may say, the task of harmonizing and digesting stretched itself over a decade and a half and resulted in my present volume."

Notwithstanding that Charles L. Webster & Co. have been robbed of \$30,000 recently through their book-keeper, their "pluck" and "push" is at the present stronger than ever. With the beginning of spring they will bring out two volumes which no doubt will attract world-wide attention. One will bear the title, "General S. W. Crawford's Genesis of the Civil War"; and the other will probably be entitled, "Reminiscences of Winfield Scott Hancock, by his Wife."

The former comprises a complete history of the events which led up to the war, including a graphic description of the condition of the Federal fortresses and batteries in Charleston harbor, and also the first downfall and bombardment of Sumter. It is the first exhaustive treatise of the events immediately preceding the rebellion, and as its title indicates, is the Genesis of the war.

The other work is an interesting book by Mrs. Hancock, who accompanied her husband throughout all his changes from place to place. It is full of incidents of frontier life, adventures on the ocean, in the long trips from San Francisco to New York, by water; episodes with the Spaniards in Southern California; interesting details of the Seminole war in Florida, and gives many private and interesting incidents of his life. As I am told there will be superb portraits and illustrations throughout both volumes.

The May number of the *Studio* will contain Mrs. Anna Lea Merritt's fine portrait of James Russell Lowell, in his robes as Doctor of Laws at Oxford. This is said to be the best portrait of Mr. Lowell that has been painted, and is now one of the principal attractions of the Corcoran Gallery at Washington.

Our publishers at present are in a flutter of excitement concerning forthcoming works to be issued from their respective presses, in connection with the Queen's Jubilee. Messrs. Frederick Warne & Co., the London and New York publishers, tell me that they are about to issue "The Victoria Birthday Book," printed in brown ink, also another edition printed in two colors; both will be beautifully illustrated. Furthermore they will issue "The Queen, Her Early Life and Reign," to be accompanied by at least one hundred portraits and illustrations.

The business of the publishing house of D. Lothrop & Co., of Boston, will hereafter be carried on by D. Lothrop Co. The new corporation includes all the members of the old firm, and in addition, Mr. E. H. Pennell, for many years in the employ of the house, Mr. E. S. Brooks, who comes from the editorial staff of the *Century* Co., and Mr. W. H. Arnold, manager of the book business of John Wanamaker for the last seven years.

That popular monthly *Wide Awake* will remain under its former management. Having the April number before me I cannot help looking back to my own childhood and think how much more abundant and elegant publications, for the younger generations, are now than they were in times of yore—almost wish for a return to my teens, so I could enjoy the elegant literature now provided.

Walking along with E. R. Pelton, the publisher of the *Eclectic Magazine*, and the agent of *Lippincott's*, I inquired of him if the idea of publishing a complete novel in *Lippincott's Magazine*, has proven successful to its publishers. Mr. Pelton told me that since its beginning, the subscription list of that magazine has increased with 50 per cent, at least. That much for luck and energy.

A note from London just received informs me that Mr. H. Rider Haggard's preposterous and melodramatic novel, "She," is the occasion of a fierce indictment of wholesale plagiarism, brought against him by the London press. His preceding novel "Solomon's Mines," which has had a great sale, is included in the charges; he is also accused of stealing verses from the *Christian Union* for his late novel, "Jess." It is asserted that the rising novelist will have a hard time to clear his skirts. Mr. Haggard now is only 30 years of age. At the age of 19 he accompanied Sir H. Bulwer as secretary to Natal, and served on the staff of Sir Theophilus Shepstone during his mission to the Transvaal, and it was during the time he was at the Cape that he acquired the local knowledge which he has turned to good account. His first effort in literature was a history of events in South Africa, published in 1882 under the title of "Cetewayo and His White Neighbors."

Fords, Howard & Hulbert tell me they will very shortly publish "A Summer in England with Henry Ward Beecher," giving not only all the sermons, lectures and addresses delivered there by him last summer, but also an account of the trip, of his reception by the people and clergy and statesmen. By the plain folk, by all the divers ranks of students and non-conformist ministers, and by the highest dignitaries of the Church of England, he was received with marked enthusiasm. This account is by Major J. B. Pond, his traveling companion and manager, and will give (what has never been given yet in this country) the truth about that trip. In his former English visit, Mr. Beecher had to "fight with the wild beasts at Ephesus"; in this one he was courted and feted and honored, and especially by the eminent religious teachers of the land, as no other American ever has been. The book will be prefaced by a photographic portrait of Mr. Beecher.

A bar of iron worth \$5 becomes worth, when made into horseshoes, \$10; into needles, \$55; penknives, \$30; and into watch-springs, \$240,000; or more than its weight in gold.

LONG AGO.

(Thos. E. Creed in Yreka (Cal.) Union.)

To-night as I sit by the blazing fire
While sad winds whistle and coldly blow,
The golden rhyme of the olden time
Whispers to me of long ago.
The beautiful days my cherished friend
Of the sad sweet past and the charms
they throw.
With the stormy night now strangely blind
With the balmy time of long ago.

And still the deepening shadows fall
Which shroud me at once in the "Gathering
Gloom."
They flicker and play on the darkening
wall.
Like ghosts of the dead around the tomb.
These shadows have fallen about my heart
Like a cloud of gloom o'er the bottomless
deep.
And the ghosts of the beautiful past start
And gaze in my face with calm deceit.

Time with its mystical onward flight
Has brought these changes to you and me.
To me to-night and the ocean of years.
Have changed with our faded destiny.
And now I have wandered afar away
Would bear me swift as the winds that blow
For the beautiful past like a golden day
Was spent with you in the long ago.

The wild, wild storm and the sea birds' scream,
The fashing waves and the groaning piers,
To me to-night and the ocean of years.
I wish the raging storm to-night
Would bear me swift as the winds that blow
O'er the roaring deep in its mad, wild flight,
To you and the Isle of Long Ago.

List Takers and Assessors.

The following are the provisions of the law passed at the recent session of the General Assembly, in relation to the appointment of list takers and assessors.

Section 2. The board of commissioners of each county shall, at their session held in the month of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven, and every fourth year thereafter, appoint three discreet freeholders in each township, who shall list and assess the real and personal property in said township for taxation. These list takers and assessors shall ascertain the true value in money of every tract or parcel of land or other real estate, with the improvements thereon, and personal property, and assess the same in accordance with said valuation. Said board of list takers and assessors shall meet at some place in their respective townships on or before the second Monday in May, and elect one of their number chairman. The board is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths in all cases necessary to obtain full and correct information concerning any taxable real and personal property in their respective townships, so as to secure a proper assessment of said property. The assessment, when made, shall be in force until altered as may be provided by law.

Section 3. The board of county commissioners shall have power to appoint one or more list takers and assessors for years in which there shall be an assessment of property, for any town or city in their respective counties having more than two thousand inhabitants, and one or more list takers for such town or city for the years in which there shall not be an assessment of property.

Section 4. The board of county commissioners shall, at the time of the appointment of the list takers and assessors, issue a notice to them summoning them to meet at the county seat on the first Monday in June, for consultation with the board of commissioners for the purpose of taking such actions as will secure uniformity in the assessment of the real and personal property throughout the county.

Section 5. Each township board of list takers and assessors shall advertise in five or more public places in the township, immediately after their appointment, notify all tax payers to return said list takers and assessors all the real and personal property which each tax payer shall own on the first day of June, requiring said return to be made to said list takers and assessors during the month of June, under the pains and penalties imposed by law. Each of said list takers and assessors shall attend at two or more places in the township for the purpose of listing and assessing the property.

Section 6. The board of list takers and assessors shall make return of their assessments to the board of county commissioners on or before the first Monday in July and annex the following affidavit, subscribed and sworn to be for a justice of the peace who shall certify the same.

"We, the list takers and assessors of _____ township, of _____ county, make oath that the foregoing list contains, to the best of our knowledge and belief, all the real and personal property required by law to be assessed in said township, and that we have assessed every tract or parcel of land, or other real and personal property, at its true value in money, and have endeavored to do equal justice to the public and to the tax payers concerned."

Section 7. The chairman of the board

of list takers and assessors of the several townships shall compose a board of equalization for the county, and shall meet on the first Monday in July. The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall be chairman of said board of equalization, and shall lay before the board of equalization the returns of the list takers and assessors. Said board shall equalize the valuations so that each tract or lot or article of personal property shall be entered on the tax list at its true value in money, and, for this purpose, they shall observe the following rules:

(1) They shall raise the valuation of such tracts or lots of real property or articles of personal property, as in their opinion, have been returned below their true value, to such price or sum as they may believe to be true value thereof.

(2) They shall reduce the valuation of such tracts and lots of real property or articles of personal property, as in their opinion, have been returned above their true value, as compared with the average valuation of real or personal property of such county. In regard to real or personal property, they shall have due regard to the relative situation, quality of soil, improvement, natural and artificial advantages possessed by each tract or lot.

(3) They shall not reduce the aggregate value of the real or personal property of the county below the aggregate value thereof, as returned by the assessors.

Section 8. The board of county commissioners shall allow each list taker and assessor such compensation as said board shall deem just and proper for each day actually engaged in the performance of his duties; said board of county commissioners shall also allow each member of the board of equalization such per diem for the number of days actually engaged in the performance of his duties as the said board of commissioners shall deem just and proper, and, in addition thereto, mileage at the rate of five cents for each mile necessarily traveled in attending the meeting of the board of equalization. The per diem and mileage allowed, shall be paid by the county.

Section 9. The board of county commissioners shall, annually, at their April session, except in the year when there shall be an assessment of property, appoint one competent person in each township to list all the lands therein at the valuation assessed on the same, and all personal property in said township. Said board of commissioners shall allow such township list takers such compensation for their services as the board shall deem just and proper, for the number of days actually employed, or engaged, to be paid by the county.

Section 10. Each township list taker, appointed under the authority of the preceding section, shall advertise in five or more public places within the township, immediately after his appointment, notifying all tax payers to return to him all the real and personal property which each shall own on the first day of June, and said returns shall be made to the list taker during the month of June, under the pains and penalties prescribed by law. Each list taker shall attend at two or more places in each township for the purpose of taking a list of property for taxation.

General John M. Brooke, of Virginia, formerly of the United States navy, who was the originator of the present system of deep sea soundings, has written to a New York paper regarding a new gun which has been designed by Col. Scott Shipp of the Virginia Military Institute, which is believed, will accomplish the same result as Krupp guns of like calibre, and weighs only about two thirds as much as the latter. The gas check is claimed to be more perfect than any now in use.

The careless and heedless Legislature ignored Governor Scales's request for an appropriation of \$120 per annum for each of the six North Carolina soldiers so kindly cared for by the Soldiers' Home at Richmond. The money is to be raised by private subscription, and ought to be forthcoming at once.

True friendship is a rare combination of every good quality of the human heart and mind. It is a recognition of and respect for worth and amiable qualities. It is an attachment as noble and virtuous as the source it springs from is pure and holy.

When Theodore Tilton was told of Mr. Beecher's death and asked whether he had anything to say, he shook his head sadly and answered: "No; it will do no good now."

Cheerfulness, industry and not too much faith in your fellow men, are three good characteristics to possess.

A BAD WOMAN.

A SHORT SENTIMENTAL SERMON BY HENRY BLOUNT.

A Reflection of His Own Heart's Beamings, as He Sits at Home in His Dreamings.

[Wilson Mirror.]

Heretofore we have written of woman—Heaven's God-lent angel to man—as she appeared in the full orb'd glory of her splendid worth, making life brighter, sweeter, lovelier and more attractive by the display of those angelic charms which give such a rapture to the presence of a pure and true and noble woman, and which make her influence a living fountain of the sweetest and purest and holiest inspirations. We have told how she could soothe the breast of trouble, and spread the balm of solace there. We have told how the gleam of her eye would ensilver the gloom, and make it glisten with a lustre as bright as those brilliant tintings, which beam upon those dazzling showers of radiance, which come trickling down from the throne of light. We have told how her musical tones of endearment would drown every note of discord in life's rough field of conflict, and make every thought float away in dulcet ripples to the matchless rhythm of that blessed song of rapture which goes ebbing around her own sweet island of affection. Yes, we have told how she could uproot all the briars of care, sweep down all the weeds of misfortune, and mingle the flowers of brightest hope with the very cypress of despair. Yes, we have told all this. But there is something else she can do. Yes, she can do much, alas! perhaps more, to degrade man if she chooses to do it. Who can estimate the evil that woman has the power to do? As a wife she can ruin herself by extravagance, folly, or want of affection. She can make a demon or an outcast of a man who might otherwise become a good member of society. She can bring bickering, strife, and discord into what has been a happy home. She can change the innocent babes into vile men and even into vile women. She can lower the moral tone of society itself, and thus pollute legislation at the spring head. She can, in fine, become an instrument of evil instead of an angel of truth. Instead of making flowers of truth, purity, beauty, and spirituality spring up in her foot steps, till the earth smiles with a loveliness that is almost celestial, she can transform it to a black and arid desert, covered with the scorn of an evil passion and swept by the bitter blast of everlasting death. This is what woman can do for the wrong as well as for the right. Is her mission a little one? Has she no worthy work, as has become the cry of late? Man may have a harder task to perform, a rougher road to travel, but he has none loftier or more influential than woman's. No, indeed, for woman has about her that rich soil of influence, from which can grow in rank strength and vigor those dangerous and poisonous weeds of vice and wrong, and from whose vile and deadly exhalations can everlasting ruin creep, as it comes hissing and breathing the tortures of the doomed and the lost. Yes, her influence bears those weeds of evil as well as those flowers of goodness whose blessed perfume makes man better and purer and nobler. If woman only knew the power she holds to work man good or ill, if she only knew the bliss and peace her smiles can surely bring, the troubles that her voice can always still, and make the heart in purest accents sing, then she would not lead man so far astray, but keep him turned towards that perfect day, knowing that she can give him life or death, and turn his darkest night to brightest day.

Now, fair readers, it is for you to say whether you are a true woman—God-fashioned and finished, and Heaven-ordained, man's destiny for good or ruin, or are you one of the gay, gilded, gorgeous butterflies of folly, flitting lightly and thither from one flower of gaiety and pleasure to another, and scattering influences as hurtful and pernicious and as deadly as the poisonous shade of the dreaded Upas tree? Are you making man better or worse? Is your influence for good or evil? Which? The answer will be made in eternity. Solemn thought, and pregnant with momentous consequences, for upon that answer hangs perpetual peace or everlasting agony. Woman, then, has a fearful and awful responsibility resting upon her, for her influence is powerful for good or evil.

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